

# End of Term News



**Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.**

Although this has been a short term, we have packed it full of learning and experiences to engage the children. We continue to ensure that our expectations of the children are high and we continue to be impressed with how your children rise to this challenge.

My thanks to all those who have supported us this term; the STARS team have once again planned successful events and have supported with new reading books and the cost of swimming tuition for Picasso class. Several parents have been busy in our grounds and this has made a huge difference – thank you!

Finally a thank you to staff for their continued hard work once again – they all deserve a restful break and we look forward to the fun that the summer term always brings.

## **After School Provision**

From September 2024 Daisies Montessori would like to offer an after-school club. In the first instance this will be for children at Abbots Ripton C of E Primary School who attended Daisies for their early years provision (and their older siblings regardless of whether they attended). Dependent on these numbers, Daisies may consider opening up the club to non-Daisies children from the new Reception intake for September 2024 in the first instance. The reason for this is that are set up as a nursery, meaning that resources and furniture are aimed at the early years and so may not be appropriate for older children.

Letters for the families who have attended Daisies have been sent home and Anna will let us know after Easter what the response has been.



## **Netball**

A Team from Picasso Class took part in the Hunts Schools Sports Partnership Netball Tournament after school on Tuesday last week. We were so proud of the team who played extremely well, finishing in third overall – well done team!

## **Gymnastics Competition**

Our children were so excited to compete at Huntington Gym; this was a great opportunity at a great venue, used by Olympic athletes as a National Sporting Centre of Excellence. They were inspired by the athletes and the children were amazing – lots of comments were made about their behaviour and attitude which made us all proud. Well done to our squad!



## **Rise and Shine Invoices**

The Spring Term Rise and Shine invoices have been sent by email this week. Do check to see if you have received this as several emails ended up in 'junk' folders last time.

## Excitement in Van Gogh Class

Van Gogh Class have exciting news! The children have been so patient waiting 21 days, for the eggs in their incubator to hatch. On Wednesday last week, four new chicks arrived! The children have all enjoyed watching them over their first few days and taking turns to look after them. A huge thanks to the families who have supported us with the eggs, chick food and bedding. Our thanks to the Griggs family who have offered the chicks a home!



## Clubs

We are delighted to offer another selection of clubs after Easter. Please see the attached information and relevant booking forms. As some clubs are very popular please ensure that you have booked prior to the start of the club; we will only contact you if your child has **not** been given a place. Please note that we will not be running the Lego club this term.

Date start	Day	Provider	Focus	Years	How to book
22/04	Monday	Mrs Scrase	Singing Club	Year 1 to 6	£3 a week (£15) New members sign up <a href="#">here</a> You will be invoiced directly
22/04	Monday	Primary Sports Stars	Ball Skills	Years 2 to 6	£5 per week (4 weeks) (£20) – see attached flyer
16/04	Tuesday	Amy's Acro	Gymnastics	Years 1 to 6	£9.50 per week (£57) – see attached flyer for new members – current members have already signed up for the first few weeks
17/04	Wednesday	Primary Sports Stars	Athletics	Years 1 to 6	£5 per week (6 weeks) (£30) – see attached flyer
18/04	Thursday	Talent Dance Academy	Dance Club	Year 1 to 6	£5.50 per week (£33) – see attached flyer

We also have a percussion teacher who will be running a taster session in school in the first week of term. The club will explore different beats, rhythms and genres with a range of percussion instruments. He will run the club on a Wednesday for £3.50 a session with a minimum of 8 children and more details will follow after the demonstration.

We also run several lunchtime clubs but your children will be asked if they would like to attend these and there is no need to sign up.

If any parent is able and keen to run an after school please do let us know!



## Lunch payments and new menu

For the first half of the Summer 2024 term the cost will be £70.00. (28 school days at £2.50) A polite reminder that lunches must be paid for in advance as the school does not have the cash flow to allow debts to accrue.

The new menu is attached. If your child is in Van Gogh or Monet please click [here](#) to complete their new menu choices on the google form by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at the **very latest** to allow us time to input their choices on the registers.

## Celebration Token reward



The celebration token system is a way of rewarding children for hard work and behaviour, whilst teaching them about being part of a community and a democracy. This half term the children have collected well over 650 tokens which is an **amazing** achievement for such a short half term and demonstrates how hard your children are working on all aspects of school life. As you are aware, each individual token is placed into a box and acts as a vote for an end of term treat.

The winning treat for this half term was:

### Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone took part in the hunt today! Thank you to the STARS team for purchasing the Easter eggs for the children to enjoy.

## STARS news



## Bag 2 School



The children were sent home with their bags last week so please do fill them with your unwanted items. Bag to School will accept the following **'good quality'** items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
  - Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
  - Handbags
  - Hats
  - Bags
  - Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
  - Lingerie
  - Socks
  - Belts
  - Soft toys
  - Household linen
  - Household curtains
  - Household towels
  - Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

Please bring your bags to school on the morning of **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April ONLY**. We will not be storing the bags so they should be dropped on the grass at the front of the school in the morning at school drop off.

If you require more bags, we do have a few in the office or alternatively you can use black bin bags too!



**Pottery Painting**  
WITH DEAR FREYA

Come and join STARS for an evening of pottery painting hosted by the talented, Dear Freya. Choose from a selection of pottery pieces. All supplies are provided.

Thursday 2nd May | 7:30PM | FROM £2.5

Use the QR code and visit the STARS PTA EVENTS page to book and learn more about this fantastic evening.



**ULTRAVIOLET ALL STARS DISCO**

6-8 PM | FRIDAY 10 MAY  
ABBOTS RIPTON VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS: £5 PER CHILD  
INCLUDES A SNACK AND A DRINK  
USE THE QR CODE TO BOOK

Do join the events above, booking via the QR code, to support your school.



*Diary Dates Summer 2024*

**All new dates are added in bold and italic.**

Date	Event
28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term
29 <sup>th</sup> March – 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Training Day – School closed
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term begins
30 <sup>th</sup> April	STARS Bags 2 school collection
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Group Photos
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	STARS Pottery Event
6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
10 <sup>th</sup> May	STARS School Disco
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Tri-golf taster - Kandinsky
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Picasso class Vaping and Smoking workshop
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Summer Term begins
<b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>STARS Donut Day</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Bikeability
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>STARS Father's Day shop</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Vision Screening
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>STARS Summer Fair</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school trip to Warwick Castle
19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of summer term

# A few pictures from our busy Spring Term 2024



Van Gogh Class had a visit from the Police to support their topic of People who help us



Van Gogh Class also had a visit from the Raptor Foundation



Monet Class trip to Peterborough Museum



World Book Day dress up





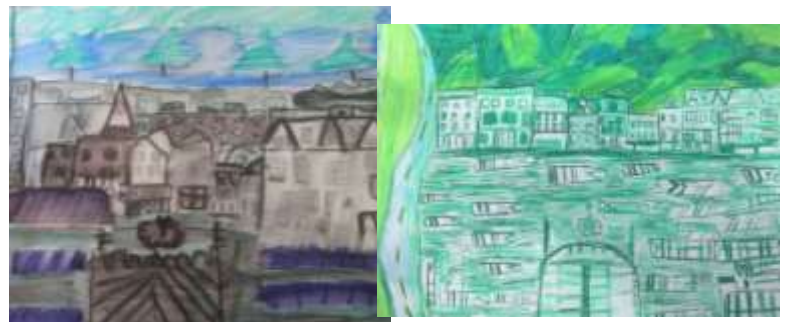
Kandinsky class had a visit from Ellie, a textile designer, who worked with the children to create repeated patterns, which we then made into their Mother's Day



Mr MacClennan, Science teacher from St Peters Academy, came into Picasso Class and we further investigated electricity with resources we borrowed from them.



**What spiritual pathways to Moshka are written about in Hindu Scriptures?**  
The children expressed the answer to the question by creating a tunnel book.



Picasso Art – Cambridge Cityscape using different mediums



Learning to play the recorder in Kandinsky class.



Picasso taking part in the Basketball competition



Interpreting contour lines in Geography



Lunchtimes



Whole School Comic Relief  
The final total raised was £190!  
Thank you everyone who donated.



Litter picking in the village



Some entries from the reading challenge - reading in an unusual place!



Some of the equipment that the School Council have bought from the amazing amount of money raised from the Sponsored Walk. Lots more things still to come.

School Council did a whole school assembly about their Spring focus of Waste Minimisation





**We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

